

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, I don't believe we did. I think we just cut the funding but I'm not...my memory does not...is not as clear as it should be probably for that proposal six years ago.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator, it's certainly my understanding the only thing we ever did in the mid-eighties when we cut this program was cut the funding. We have never once changed the statute. LB 142 was introduced strictly as intent language to facilitate LB 142A which was originally introduced to appropriate funding for the animal damage control program. Now that we have already appropriated \$100,000 and passed it over to the Governor, there is no need for 142, simple as that. You've already stated with intent language in the bill in LB 652 the monies appropriated for animal damage control. So before you ever get into the ethanol debate you do not need LB 142. And the Department of Ag may like that but they certainly don't need it. And if you...I mean, don't be...you have to understand that if you vote against LB 142, you're not voting against funding for animal damage control because the next motion is to strip the funding out of the A bill. And so if your purpose in supporting the bill is to support animal damage control, you've already done that and you've already...if you vote for passage of the bill, the next motion is to strip the A bill. And, Senator Johnson, can you answer another question?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Sure.

SENATOR MOORE: If your ethanol amendments to LB 142A fail, is it your intent to read LB 142A and send it over to the Governor as is? The money...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR MOORE: No. Well, I mean, so once again if you want to have some degree of support for the animal damage control program, I would argue you already did that when you voted the amendment on LB 652. There is no other reason to reconsider LB 142 than to get to the ethanol amendment. And as far as the ruling of the Speaker, he's absolutely right, if you read page...Rule 5...on page 38, Rule 5, Section 6, the authorization shall first be considered and if it is passed on Final Reading then the A bill shall be read. And so, I mean, if you don't pass the bill, the A bill does not come up. So the only reason you would want to pass LB 142 and the only reason you reconsider